

**811—10.8(17A,169,272C) Panel of specialists.** The board may appoint a panel of veterinarians who are specialists to ascertain the facts of a case pursuant to Iowa Code section 272C.6(2). The board chairperson or designee shall appoint the presiding officer.

**10.8(1)** The executive secretary shall set the date, time, and location of the hearing and make proper notification to all parties.

**10.8(2)** The panel of specialists shall:

*a.* Enter into the record the names of the presiding officer, members of the panel, the parties and their representatives.

*b.* Enter into the record the notice and evidence of service, order for hearing, statement of charges, answer, if available, and any other pleadings, motions or orders.

*c.* Receive opening statements from the parties.

*d.* Receive evidence, in accordance with Iowa Code section 17A.14, on behalf of the state of Iowa and on behalf of the licensee.

*e.* Question the witnesses.

*f.* Receive closing statements from the parties.

*g.* Determine the findings of fact by a majority vote and make a written report of its findings to the board within a reasonable period.